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HEALTH ADVISORY

North Dakota Department of Health Coordinating Ambulance Services Interested in Volunteering for Hurricane Response

The North Dakota Department of Health is compiling a list of ambulance services interested in potentially assisting with response to hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region.

Ambulance services willing to assist are asked to send an e-mail by noon Monday, September 26, to edtech@state.nd.us with the following information:

- Name of ambulance service
- Number of staffed rigs available to deploy
- Type of unit (basic life support or advanced life support)
- Contact person
- Phone number 1
- Phone number 2
- Phone number 3
- E-mail address

Deployment of volunteers from North Dakota will be made through North Dakota Department of Emergency Services using the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Through EMAC, a disaster-impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states. Responding through EMAC is necessary to ensure that volunteers are protected from unforeseen accidents, injuries and legal actions.

If a request for ambulance services is received, the Department of Health will contact you with further instructions. Prior to deployment, the department will provide guidelines about necessary preparations and supplies the volunteers will need. People should not incur any expenses unless contacted and deployed by the state.

Anyone who has questions about this advisory can contact the North Dakota Department of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section at 701.328.2270.

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This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, North Dakota EMS Association and hospital public information officers.